

IN THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to Figs. 2, 3, and 8. These sheets, which include Figs. 2, 3, and 8, replace the original sheets including Figs. 2, 3, and 8.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets (3)

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, in light of the present amendment and following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1 and 3-11 are pending in the present application; Claims 1, 3, 4, 8, and 11 are amended; and Claim 2 is canceled by the present amendment. No new matter is added by the present amendment.

In the outstanding Office Action, the drawings were objected to for not having identifiers "Ls", "21FCA", "21FCP", "21FC", "CS₁", and "CS_F" mentioned in the specification; Figures 2 and 8 were objected to for having identifiers reversed; the specification was objected to for informalities; Claim 4 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as not having sufficient antecedent basis; Claims 1 and 11/1 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Pehlke et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,472,934); and Claims 2, 3, 5-10, 11/2 were indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Initially, Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication of allowable subject matter.

In response to the objection of the drawings for not having identifiers "Ls", "21FCA", "21FCP", "21FC", "CS₁", and "CS_F", the specification is amended to include these identifiers.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the objection be withdrawn.

In response to the objection of Figures 2, 3, and 8, Figures 2, 3, and 8 are presently amended to correct the reversed identifiers. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the objection be withdrawn.

In response to the objection of the specification, the specification is presently amended to correct the informalities.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the objection be withdrawn.

In response to the rejection of Claim 4 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, Claim 4 is presently amended as suggested to correct the antecedent basis problem.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the rejection of Claim 4 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, be withdrawn.

In response to the rejection of Claims 1 and 11/1 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Pehlke, Applicant has amended Claim 1 to include subject matter of Claim 2 which was indicated as allowable. Claim 11/1 is dependent upon Claim 1, thereby also incorporating allowable subject matter.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the rejection of Claims 1 and 11/1 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) be withdrawn.

Consequently, in view of the foregoing discussion, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early and favorable action is therefore requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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